

Boogie Down Productions Lyrics

"Illegal Business"

{*30 seconds in: dj scratches "what can we get for 63 cents? "*}

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Ganja business controls america
Krs-one come to start some hysteria
Illegal business controls america

[krs-one]

One afternoon around eleven o'clock
It was freezin cold, he was standing on the block
Sellin cheeba, nick's and dimes
Sayin a rhyme just to pass the time
The cops passed by, but he stayed calm
Cause the leather trench coat was keepin him warm
But this time they walked by real slowly
He thought to himself, "they look like they know me"
They drove away, but he didn't stay
He jumped in the cab and he paid his tab
But guess who he saw when he hit the block
It was the same cop car, the same two cops
They jumped out quick, they pulled a gun
They said, "don't try to fight and don't try to run
Cooperate and we will be your friend
Non-cooperation will be your end"
He jumped in the car, and while they rode
They ran down the list of things he owed
They said, "you owe us some money, you owe us some product
Cause you could be right in the river tied up"
He thought for a second and he said, "what is this?
You want me to pay you to stay in business?"
They said, "that's right, or you go to prison
Cause nobody out there is really gonna listen
To a hood," so he said, "good!
I'll pay you off for the whole neighborhood"
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A guy named jack, is sellin crack
The community, doesn't want him back
 He sells at work, he sells in schools
 He's not stupid, the cops are the fools
 Cause everyone else seems to go to jail
But when it comes to jack, the cops just fail
 They can't arrest him, they cannot stop him
 Cause even in jail the bail unlocks him
 So here is the deal, and here is the facts
If you ever wonder why they can't stop crack
 The police department, is like a crew
 It does whatever they want to do
 In society you have illegal and legal
 We need both, to make things equal
 So legal is tobacco, illegal is speed
 Legal is aspirin, illegal is weed
Crack is illegal, cause they cannot stop ya
But cocaine is legal if it's owned by a doctor
 Everything you do in private is illegal
Everything's legal if the government can see you
Don't get me wrong, america is great place to live
 But listen to the knowledge I give

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Yeah, bdp takin over america

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Ganja business controls america

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Cocaine, sensai

Aspirin, coffee

Morphine, sugar

Tobacco, got to go

{*dj scratches "what what what what, what can we get.."}*

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{*dj scratches "what what, what can we get.."}*

Yeahhhhh, ganja business controls america

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Yeahhhhh, cocaine business controls america

{*dj scratches "what what what what.."}*

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